A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) and (*b*). The question is not clear. Letters of Credit are established only when purchases are made from abroad. Such Letters of Credit are opened through the Imperial Bank of India.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—It is said in answer that letters of credit are opened through the Imperial Bank of India. Are letters of credit given in respect of all sorts of purchases?

***The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.**—Whatever purchases the Government have to make in foreign countries, the firms which are executing orders demand often letters of credit to be opened to make sure that they get remittances in time. Therefore we establish letters of credit.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Am I to understand that for the purchases other than Governmental needs, no letters of credit are opened by the Government?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Not by Government.

Government Securities sold through Messrs. Sujan and Company.

Q.*—87. **Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH (Kolar District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the quantum and the nature of the securities belonging to the Government sold through Messrs. Sujan and Company;

(*b*) the names of the partners of the above said firm;

(*c*) the standing of the firm;

(*d*) the commission paid to them;

(*e*) whether the firm has been recognised as approved share brokers by any other State?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Rs. 75 lakhs Government of India Securities, 1953-55.

(*b*) Sri B. N. Gupta is one of the partners. The names of the other partners are not known

(*c*) No information.

(*d*) Nil.

(*e*) No information.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—What is the remuneration paid?

***The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.**—I have answered. No remuneration is paid.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—Under what conditions they were entrusted with the selling of securities?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—They applied in the open market. Whoever quoted highest, through him we sold.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—Can we have the quotation given by this particular Company?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The quotation given by this Company was the highest.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—May I know the exact figure?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Once we sold 25 lakhs through him and that was at Rs. 101-7-9. At about the same time the next best offer was Rs. 101-7-6. So their quotation was the highest. The other time "three people quoted"—two others along with him and again his was the highest.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—I want figures.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Sujan and Company quoted Rs. 109-9-0; Messrs. Lokkur and Company quoted Rs. 101-6-2; the Mysore Bank quoted Rs 101-6-0.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—In the answer it is stated that 'other partners are not known'; has any attempt been made to find out the names of the other partners?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No.

Sri K. SAMPANGIRAMIAH.—Are there any at all?

The Hon'ble Sri H C. DASAPPA.—There may or may not be. We are dealing with the Company as such.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Any way are the Government convinced that they got the best prices?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is through tender and the highest tender is accepted.

Sri M. N. JOIS (Mysore District—General).—Has this firm been recognised by the Government of Mysore?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Otherwise, they would not have been given.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—Shall I take it that it has been recognised?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No need to repeat the answer. I said 'otherwise they would not have been given'.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—Since how many years the Government of Mysore have recognised this firm?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It was recognised in 1948.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—While the Government of Mysore recognised this firm in 1948 did they not know what standing this firm had?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We only wanted money and we got it better than any other firm of longer standing or shorter standing could give.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—Whatever the intention of the Government may be, my intention in putting the question is to know whether the Government are in a position to make it available to me. The information that I want is that while in 1948 the Government approved this firm, did they try to investigate what standing this company had?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There was no need.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—It was not a question of need. Whether they investigated, is the point?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—'There was no need' means that they did not investigate.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—In this question the names of the partners of the above-said firm have been asked and the reply given is 'the names of the other partners are not known'; what steps did the Government take to know the names of the other partners?

The Honb'le Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We took no steps.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—The Hon'ble Minister did not take any steps to collect the information in spite of the question being asked by an Hon'ble Member of the House.?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri M. N JOIS.—Mr. Speaker, an Hon'ble Member of this House has asked for certain information. Due notice has been given and the Hon'ble Minister has not taken any steps to find out that particular information. Under these circumstances, I can only crave the indulgence of the Chair to direct the concerned Hon'ble Minister to do his very best and get the information to us during the course at least of the Session. And even after trial if he does not get the information needed, it shows his inability. On the other hand, if no attempt is made to get the information to the House, I think it amounts to a breach of privilege of this House.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Whatever information was available with the Government at the time the question was given notice of, is given. We cannot go into the history of each concern and find out who the partners are of particular firms; for example, Lokkur & Co., Sujan & Co., and so on.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—It is a question of furnishing the information which is very necessary. It is a question of money where the credit of the parties must be known and as such the history of the parties is very necessary.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It was all taken into account when the transaction was entrusted to the said company and whatever confidence was placed in them was fully justified.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—So the history of the company was known to Government at the time when they recognised this company?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already said that there was no need to go into the history of the partners of the company.

Sri M. N. JOIS.—So without knowing the history or the standing and other details of the company did the Government allow this company to handle their monies?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member can only ask for information and need not discuss the whole matter.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government parted with the securities only after they got the cash ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, it is so.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪನವರು (ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)—1948 ನೆಯಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು recognise ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅವರು ತಮಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—ಅರ್ಜಿವಿಚಾರ ಯಾವುದೂ ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರು. We do not know whether he applied for recognition and all that.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—But it was stated that the firm applied to the Government for recognition in 1948?

The Hon'ble Sri H C. DASAPPA.—He gave the highest tender and that was recognised.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—While recognising one giving the tender, did the Government make enquiries as to who are all the other members who formed that firm ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Shall I take it that it is on the credit of Sri B. N. Gupta alone that it was done?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We do not know about that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 144. Sri W. H. Hanumanthappa. The Hon'ble Member is not present. So the question will be treated as an unstarred question. Next question, No. 211. Sri G. Veerappa.

Request of Non-gazetted officers in Davangere for Dearness Allowance as in Bangalore and Mysore Cities.

*Q.—211. **Sri G. VEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General),—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the index of living in Davangere City is more or less the same as that in Bangalore and Mysore;

(*b*) whether the Non-gazetted Officers in Davangere have been requesting the Government to allow them Dearness Allowance as in the case of Bangalore and Mysore ?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಟೌನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಜನರ cost of living ಏನೆಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಅಂಕಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಶೇಖರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ? Is it not available ?

***The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.**—I am sorry we have no information relating to the index of living as I could see, about Davangere. We have got to collect it hereafter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೋಗಲಿ ; ಈಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ cost of living ವಿಪರೀತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬ ಅಂಶ ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is no information so far about Davangere. The figures relating to living index are collected only for Bangalore, Mysore and, I think, K.G.F.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈಗ ತಾವು ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಾನ್‌ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ತುಟ್ಟಿ ಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ; ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಾನ್‌ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆಷ್ಟು ತುಟ್ಟಿಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is a separate question on that and answers will be furnished to it.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is there any representation from the Non-gazetted Officers in Davangere, requesting the Government to allow them dearness allowance on the same scale as is given to such officers in Bangalore and Mysore ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Quite so.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Are the Government aware that there is a Government Order giving dearness allowance to non-gazetted officials of Davangere Municipality on the same scale as is given to Government servants ?